January 2016 - Mayor's Message

With the beginning of a new year, many take stock of their lives and make resolutions for change. After looking online at the top resolutions people make, most of us desire the same things in life. I like reflecting on resolutions and I look forward to making efforts for change and growth.

In city government, a new year can also bring change. Some governments run on calendar years and their new budgets start on January 1. You may have heard that Salt Lake County just passed their budget for 2016. Murray City's budget runs on a fiscal year and our current budget started July 1 and will run until June 30, 2016.

Some of the contracts for city services start or renew the first part of the year. Our garbage services is one that just expired and the new 5-year contract started on January 1. However, with the new contract, there will be some changes to our fees and services.

Recycling will now be collected on a **weekly** basis. If you are like me, my recycling bin fills up in one week and then I put my recycling items in my regular waste bin for the next week. We hope this change will be of help with your efforts to recycle. The day of the week your container is collected will not change, it will just be on a weekly basis and you won't have to check to see if your neighbor has placed his recycling bin out in order to remember which week it will be picked up.

Here is a reminder of what items can be put in the green recycling container:

Paper

Brochures, Catalogs, Computer Paper, Envelopes, Junk Mail, Magazines, Newspaper, Note Paper, Office Paper, Shredded Paper Rolls, Wrapping Paper, Cardboard (flatten or cut), Cereal Boxes, Food Boxes & Cartons, Boxes (gift, shoe & tissue), Paper Bags, Paperback & Telephone Books, Paper Egg Cartons, Clean Paper Plates/Cups.

Plastic

Plastic Containers - #1-7, Plastic Cleaning & Laundry Bottles, Plastic Food & Juice Bottles, Milk Jugs, Soda Pop Bottles, Water Jugs & Bottles, Laundry Jugs & Bottles, Plastic Bottles.

Metal

Aluminum Cans, Aluminum Disposable Plates & Pans, Metal Jar & Bottle Lids, Steel Cans, Tin Cans, Clean Aluminum Foil.

The following items are not allowed in the green recycling container:

Grocery Bags, Styrofoam, Batteries, Bubble Wrap, Carpet & Padding, China & Ceramics, Clothing, Cookware, Dirty Paper Plates & Cups, Disposable Diapers, Food & Liquid Waste, Furnace Filters, Garden Hoses, Glass of any kind (Murray has two locations for glass recycling - Murray Park at 296 Murray Park Avenue and Germania Park at 1060 West 5300 South), Household Hazardous Waste, Light Bulbs & Tubes, Motor Oil, Paint Cans, Plastic Buckets, Plastic Tarps, Plastic Toys, Print & Toner Cartridges, Small Appliances & Electronics, Trash & Yard Waste, Waxed & Plastic Coated Paper, Window Blinds, Pizza Boxes, Wood & Building Material.

Another event happening in January is a limited number of burial lots have become available for purchase at the Murray City Cemetery. The lots will be sold using a random lottery system. If you are interested in acquiring a lot(s), please go to our website *murrary.utah.gov* and register between the dates of January 6-31, 2016. Only Murray City residents will be allowed to purchase a lot or niche. "Resident" means: a) a person who, at the time of purchase, owns a

single family dwelling or duplex property in the City; or b) a previous owner of single family dwelling or duplex property in the City, if within twenty four (24) months prior to purchasing of a lot or niche, their single family dwelling or duplex property has been sold to receive long term care by a medical or healthcare provider. If you want additional information, please call 801-264-2637.

I hope 2016 brings you happiness and success. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Ted Eyre, Mayor